

MECCAS ARE TOLD TO LEAVE

Report from Panama that Colombia Has Given Them 24 Hours to Get Out of the Darien District.

WASHINGTON PUZZLED BY TROOPS' MOVEMENTS.
Can't Understand Why Old Providence Island Should Have Been Selected as Base of Operations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Unconfirmed cables from Panama say that Colombia has ordered Americans out of the Darien district. Notification to this effect was received on Saturday. It is said, and twenty-four hours was the time fixed in which they must go away. It is reported to the Navy Department that Old Providence Island, a Colombian possession, politically attached to the State of Bolivar, is the destination of the 500 troops which sailed "to the north" on the steamer Cartagena. What the purpose is of making this point a base of operations with an invasion of Panama in contemplation is not clear. The island is 800 miles from Colon, lying north of St. Andrew's Island and directly off the Caribbean coast of Nicaragua.

The desire of the Administration to prevent the fleet now at the Isthmus from becoming involved in any hostile movement against Colombia, and therefore, although Capt. Turner, of the Atlanta, is upheld in sending officers ashore at the mouth of the River Atrato to ascertain the size of the Colombian force encamped there, no more landings from the ships on Colombian territory will be permitted.

A despatch from Panama says that the steamer Martinique, which arrived last night from Savannah, reports two battalions of Colombian troops having left Savannah for Quindio, Department of Bolivar.

It is reported in Panama that President Marroquin also recently sent this cablegram to General Reyes at Washington.

Any negotiations which do not look to the re-establishment of the integrity of Colombia will not be accepted.

General Reyes is said to have refused in part as follows: "A despatch from Panama will be disastrous for Colombia. I will undertake further negotiations."

The circumstances are now at the new republic was performed yesterday morning in front of the barracks in Panama. Mass was said by the regimental chaplain, who also read the national flag. The soldiers surrounded Gen. Obando, former Governor of the Panama Department, who made a short speech to them.

Three hundred and eighty marines (four companies) are now at the canal route under the command of Major John A. Lejeune.

The marines have done some scouting for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of nearby trails and the points to which they lead.

CALLED FOR A HERO TO SAVE HIS CASH

John McCarthy Left \$1,800 When He Fled from Fire, and Was Afraid to Go Back Into the Burning House for It.

Among a lot of excited persons who were driven from their homes by a fire in the four-story apartment house at No. 175 Nevins street, Brooklyn, to-day, the most excited was John McCarthy, who lives on the third floor.

McCarthy had left behind him a box containing \$1,800. He was afraid to go back after it, as the smoke was pouring out of the windows and there were flames in the halls. McCarthy fairly tore his hair as he danced around calling for a hero to help him out of his difficulty.

Finally a report got around that two women were in the upper part of the house, and a policeman and a fireman started upstairs to see if it was true.

"For God's sake, stop on the third floor on the way down and get my box of money," yelled McCarthy, as the two disappeared in the house.

The rescuers didn't find any one on the top floor, and they good-naturedly stopped in McCarthy's room on the way out and got his box of money. McCarthy didn't jig step up and down the side-walk when he got his money. An interested crowd watched him count it.

The damage by the fire was small. The building belongs to Mrs. Della McGarry, mother of the late Alderman McGarry.

NO DINNER TO JUDGE PARKER

August Belmont Denies Story of a Political Banquet.

"That story published in the morning papers to the effect that I gave Judge Alton B. Parker a dinner is untrue," said August Belmont to-day. "I have not seen Judge Parker and there is no dinner given to him at my house, No. 44 East Thirty-fourth street, last night. The story is a lie made of whole cloth."

According to the morning papers one of two of Mr. Belmont's Wall street friends were at the dinner. Political attentiveness was attributed to the alleged dinner because of Judge Parker's prominence as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President.

SHOT KILLED BROTHER.

Accidentally Discharged While Boys Examined It. Albany, Dec. 21.—Frank Bonan, twelve years old, youngest son of Edwin B. Bonan, a well-known lawyer of this city, was accidentally shot and killed by his sixteen-year-old brother, Charles. The boys were examining a pistol and neither supposed it to be loaded. The weapon was discharged and the younger

TAFT ON RUSH TRIP TO VISIT MIKADO

General Who Is to Hurry Here from the Philippines Stops at Japan by Invitation of the Emperor.

IT IS TAKEN AS SIGNIFICANT.
Record-Breaking Journey Arranged to Get Him to Washington by Jan. 29 for a Meeting with President Roosevelt.

MANILA, Dec. 21.—Gov. W. H. Taft will leave this city on Wednesday next for the United States. He will visit Tokyo en route to meet the Mikado at the request of the latter.

He will be tendered a reception by the citizens upon his arrival at Honolulu.

In view of the complicated situation in the Far East the visit of Gov. Taft to the Mikado is considered significant. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Col. Edwards, Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, is arranging to give Gov. Taft a record-breaking run across the continent when he comes to Washington next month to be sworn in as Secretary of War.

Though Gov. Taft is not to take the oath of office until Feb. 1, the President and Secretary Root want him to be in Washington not later than Jan. 29, so that they can consult with him, and the steamship and railroad companies have been asked to get him here by that date. If necessary, a special train will be used all the way from San Francisco to get him here on time.

The transport on which Gov. Taft had arranged to come to San Francisco will be a few days late in starting, so he will travel by commercial steamship instead. The steamship companies have promised to make close connections for him.

He will leave Manila Dec. 23 and catch the Korea at Hongkong on Dec. 28. The Korea will touch at Yokohama Jan. 6 and is due at San Francisco Jan. 21. She has orders to beat her schedule time if possible, and her race across the Pacific will be closely watched.

A revenue cutter will meet the ship in the lower bay and hustle Gov. Taft to Oakland, where, if the steamer is late, a special train will be waiting for him. The special train will be run as far as it is necessary to make up any time that has been lost at sea.

If a special train is not needed Gov. Taft will be given only a private car. One of the Western roads, however, has partly promised to give him a special train free of cost, whether it is needed or not, with the idea of making a record run.

JOSEPH STICKNEY DEAD.

Rich Coal Merchant Expires Suddenly at His Home.

Joseph Stickney, a member of the coal firm of Stickney, Conyngnam & Co., of this city, died suddenly to-day at his home, on Fifth avenue.

Mr. Stickney was a native of Concord, N. H., and was educated at the Pinkerton, N. H., and Thetford, Vt., academies. He was a member of the Union, Union League and of a number of yacht, athletic and other clubs, and of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and American Museum of Natural History.

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PASSENGERS TAKEN FROM THE FINLAND

Red Star Line, Fast Aground on Holland Shore, Is Leaking Badly and One Thousand in Peril Get Off.

LIGHTENING HER CARGO.
But Lighters Are Scarce and the Work of Unloading Is Slow—Struck Shoal in a Fog Going at Good Clip.

FLUSHING, Holland, Dec. 21.—The passengers of the Red Star line steamer Finland, which left Antwerp Saturday for New York and went ashore near here, have been landed. The Finland is leaking and her cargo is being discharged.

The work is progressing slowly owing to lack of lighters. There were one thousand passengers aboard the Finland, but all were taken ashore safely, and preparations are being made for their transportation from this place.

The Finland ran aground Saturday afternoon near Nieuwenhuis, and is reported lying in a dangerous position.

The liner took the ground in a fog of unusual density and the weather has continued thick ever since. It was with some difficulty that the tenders and wrecking vessels sent from Flushing to the stranded vessel found her. They were guided by the deep tones of the invisible ship's siren.

The vessel was going at the rate of sixteen knots, it is reported, when she grounded. Lost in the fog, she ploughed deep into the sands and sticks there.

The twin-screw steamship Finland, built in the yards of the William Cramp & Sons' Ship and Engine Building Company, in Philadelphia, made her maiden voyage in the fall of last year. She and the Kronland are the largest vessels ever built in the United States and now in commission.

The Finland is 550 feet long (26 feet longer than the St. Louis of the St. Paul) and has a register of 12,700 tons (1,125 tons more than the St. Louis of the St. Paul).

She has all the latest appliances for the safety and comfort of passengers, with extra large cabins for staterooms and dining-rooms.

There are berths for 213 saloon passengers, 194 second-class and 1,000 steerage.

She was only on the previous trip west that the Red Star liner Kronland met with a mishap in rough weather in the English channel, lost her rudder and sustained other damage. She notified the shore by wireless telegraphy of her mishap and put into Queenstown, steering with her screws. The Kronland is now undergoing repairs at Queenstown. Her cabin passengers arrived on the Teutonic on last Thursday and her steerage passengers are coming on the Zeeland, due to-day.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS GALORE.

This store is full of happy suggestions for Holiday giving. Our goods talk for us, and the phenomenally low prices should tempt all purchasers of reliable Christmas Gifts. Don't think of purchasing until you inspect our immense stock. Diamonds bought of us may be returned less 5 per cent. when so stipulated in bill.

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Special extra. Either opal or turquoise centre, encircled by extra pure white diamonds, 1 1/2 carats, perfectly cut, rare color, a great bargain. \$250.00; only \$58.00.

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HISTORIC CHURCH DESTROYED.

Salem, Mass., Dec. 21.—The historic South Congregational Church has been destroyed by fire, the loss being estimated at \$40,000. The church was built in 1800 and was called also the Third Church of Christ in Salem. A name given to it nearly a century ago.

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A very fine umbrella maker, who has an enviable reputation for the quality of his productions, sold us about five thousand beautiful gift-umbrellas made up specially for his holiday business.

His business this season did not come up to expectations, and so he had to sacrifice price to turn stock quickly into capital.

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\$1 for 26 and 28 inch Umbrellas of fine piece dyed taffeta, with paragon frames, steel rods and handles of horn, pearl, Dresden and boxwood.

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Gloves Are Always Suitable.

Like an omnibus, there is ever room for another pair of gloves in the glove-box. So they always make a suitable gift.

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We guarantee every pair of gloves we sell—so you can rely on them if the envelope bears the Bloomingdale trade-mark.

Men's Regular \$1 Gloves, 69c.
Men's P. K. Lined Kid Gloves.
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Men's Heavy Kid Unlined Gloves, all colors.
Men's All-wool Astrakhan Gloves, kid palms.
Men's Buckskin Gloves, lined and unlined.
Men's Kid Gloves lined with silk, all sizes.
(One of the most popular makes.)

Women's Regular \$1 Gloves, 59c.
They're made of perfect skins, carefully selected, and are sure to give entire satisfaction in the wearing.

The backs are trimmed with one row of silk embroidery; they have two clasps; are in all colors, including black and white, and all sizes.

Men's, Women's and Children's Gloves, 25c.
Women's and Children's all-wool knitted gloves in all colors and black and white.

Men's and Boys' all-wool Astrakhan Gloves, lined throughout and finished with silk touchettes between the fingers, in colors and black. All sizes.

Women's 50c to \$1 Stockings, 29c.
We came across a lot of women's stockings—not very many, but every pair a sample pair, which means that the maker did his best with every detail—which we can sell at half price.

They are all imported, some in plain lisle, silk embroidered and cobweb effects, and others of lisle thread lace openwork styles in fancy designs.

Take your pick of these regular 50c., 75c. and \$1 stockings at, to-morrow, per pair. **29c.**

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Here's for a gift that is practical and lasting. And these price quotations mean savings of a most marked character.

The backs of these Morris Chairs adjust to four positions. Both chairs have spring seats and are fitted with reversible cushions filled with all hair and covered with handsome velour.

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This very massive Morris Chair, of highly polished quartered golden oak, with lion's head carved on arms and heavy claws carved on feet.

At \$6.98.
This heavy Morris Chair, of golden oak, with carved claw feet and six handsomely turned spindles under each arm.

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50c.—Initialed cotton; 6 in a box.
5c each, cotton, hemstitched and initialed.
5c each, cotton, plain hemstitched, white or colored borders.
5c each, pure linen, hemstitched, plain white.
10c to 50c each, pure linen, plain hemstitched.
12 1/2c, 25c and 50c each, pure linen, hemstitched, with hand-embroidered initials.
12 1/2c to \$3.98 each, pure linen, embroidered, hemstitched and scalloped.
12 1/2c to \$2.98 each, pure linen, lace trimmed and embroidered.
50c to \$3.00 each, real Duchess and Point lace.
12 1/2c to 25c each, pure linen hemstitched squares, suitable for making handkerchiefs.
12 1/2c to 98c each, pure linen mourning bordered handkerchiefs.

Men's Handkerchiefs.
5c each, cotton, hemstitched, plain or colored borders.
50c.—Box of 6, cotton, hemstitched and initialed.
75c.—Box of 6, pure linen, hemstitched and initialed.
10c to 98c each, pure linen, plain white, hemstitched.
12 1/2c, 25c and 50c each, pure linen, hemstitched and initialed.
12 1/2c to 98c each, pure linen, hemstitched, colored borders.
10c to 30c each, pure linen, hemstitched and colored borders.
Children's Handkerchiefs.
10c.—Fancy box of 3 cotton handkerchiefs.
15c.—Fancy box of 3 cotton handkerchiefs.
25c.—Fancy box of 3 pure linen handkerchiefs.
25c.—Fancy box of 3 cotton handkerchiefs, with hand-embroidered initials.
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Fifty different kinds for men, women and children.
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High or low cut, durably well made.

We carry a full line of women's and children's crochet slippers in all colors. Complete assortment of Boys' and Girls' Rubber Boots from 98c. up. Main and Second Floors.

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